SHRI BANSI LAL: I have not followed the question.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, it is regarding the techniques which we have been importing. I do not suggest that you import from Americans and other colder countries but Soviet Union have better techniques and machinery. Will the Hon. Minister import such techniques from Soviet Union which will suit our climatic conditions as well?

SHRI BANSI LAL: Sir, we have not imported any technique. Only some firms in Madras and Bombay have imported such equipment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He said whether the equipment will be imported from Soviet Union, where, according to him, the technique is better.

SHRI BANSI LAL: That we will consider.

SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, throughout the country, road building has become a greatest racketing and spending money. Everywhere the contracts are given and they consume money only but the road building is never completed within the targeted time. I would, therefore, urge the Hon'ble Minister to take necessary steps to avoid middleman and contractors in foad building and fix targets for completion of the works.

SHRI BANSI LAL: It is State Subject Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question 222. Shri M. Basavaraju.

*222. [*The questioner (Shri M. Basavaraju) was absent. For answer, vide col. 34 infra*].

Opening of University in the name of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar

*223. DR. R. K. PODDAR:†
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government have agreed to abide by all the terms and conditions of the University Grants Commission for the opening of a University in the name of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar with some of unique features not yet introduced in any of the existing universities;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in releasing financial grant so far;

(c) by when the financial grant is likely to be released; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the Government of West Bengal has not yet fulfilled the terms and conditions prescribed in the rules framed under the UGC Act to declare the University fit to receive assistance, and that grants could be released only after the conditions are fulfilled and the University is declared fit to receive grants.

DR. R. K. PODDAR: Sir, I think, the Minister's reply is not very informative. On 20th of September, 1985, the Education Minister of the State of West Bengal declared in the Legislative Assembly that West Bengal Government have fulfilled all the terms and conditions laid down by the U.G.C. and has expressed regret that in spite of repeated reminders and requests, no funds are forthcoming from the U.G.C. Now, I would like the Minister to be kind enough to clarify the situation and specify what specific terms and conditions are not being fulfilled by the Government and what is the amount of funds involved?

SMT. SUSHILA ROHTAGI: Sir, on the basis of the latest information that the UGC has, we find that though

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. R. K. Poddar.

it is provided that at least, fiscal facilities upto two crores have to be provided for the building, the staff, the hostel, the library and the books, only Rs. 82 lakhs have been utilised in the building as against Rs. 1.45 crores which was given by the State Government... That is the first part. Secondly, it has to be a teaching university and so far the teaching has not started. Selection for the teachers and professors is going on. The colleges have been affiliated but no teaching has started as yet. And thirdly it is required that each of the disciplines and centres must have at least one professor, two readers and adequate number of lecturers None of these has been complied with so far, and as such, the UGC does not find itself in a position to agree that these conditions are fulfilled.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Sir, the Padmavati Mahila Vishva Vidyala at Tirupati and the Open University at Hyderabad are unique of their kind ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:... and these universities are not getting any financial aid from the Central, neither from the Central Government nor from the University Grants Commission. Sir, the State Government also ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is about West Bengal.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister consider giving aid ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, it is not allowed. This is about West Bengal and you ask about Tirupati. The Tirupati God is omnipresent but not in Parliament House. Mr. Prashant.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Sir, the proposal to set up a University in the name of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, who was a very big personality of our country, is a very good idea, and there should not be any delay from the Centre to give grants to this university. Now I want to ask the hon. Minister will the Government consider setting up a university in the name of Dr. Radhakrishanan?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Sir, these are unlinked questions, but so far as Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar is concerned, there are no two views about him. Of course, the matter is with the State Government, and the delay is not from our side. The UGC is autonomous and as a matter of fact, a year back, the Education Minister had written to all the Education Ministers of States, asking them to furnish all the information possible to the UGC so that the pending matters could be expedited. So there is no delay from the side of the Union Government.

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA: May I know whether the failures of the West Bengal Government have been specifically brought to their notice? And has any reply been received from them as to how and why they have failed to fulfil the terms and conditions?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: The UGC and the West Bengal Government have been in correspondence. So far the State Government has not directly informed the UGC, but the Vice-Chancellor of the university has informed that out of an amount of Rs. 1.45 crores, only Rs. 82 lakhs have been utilised and they are in the process of appointing lecturers. But all the conditions have not been fulfilled as yet.

श्री चतरानन मिश्र : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बजाय इसके कि पश्चिमी बंगाल की सरकार ने किसी चीज को नहीं किया या रूल्स के मुताबिक कुछ कमी हुई क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इस बात को देखेगी कि पश्चिमी बंगाल की सरकार के साथ बात चीत करके इस विश्वविद्यालय को जल्द से जल्द निर्धारित समय के अन्दर शुरू किया जाय?

श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी : मान्यवर, अनुदान देने की जो बात है यह यू०जी०सी० के द्वारा होती है और यू०जी०सी० और पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार के बीच में बराबर इस के लिये बात चल रही है। अगर हमारे माननीय सदस्य स्वयं पश्चिमी बंगाल की राज्य सरकार से इसके बारे में कुछ जल्दी करवा दें और फिर यू०पी०सी० के माध्यम से अगर बात आती है तो अपनी तरफ से जो भी हो सकता है उस को हम जल्दी से कराने का प्रयास करेंगे।

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister as to what are the terms and conditions which are required to be fulfilled for getting the grant from the UGC because I have come to know from the West Bengal Government that they have sent all the particulars to the Centre. Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar was not only a great person but a pioneer in women's welfare. And the West Bengal Government has sent all the details to the UGC. May I know what are the terms and conditions?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Sir, so far as the eminence of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar is concerned, there can never be two opinions. But if the hon. Member wants to know the terms and conditions, as I spelt out earlier, the rules require that the university should have created physical facilities, building, equipment, books, etc., costing not less than Rs. 2 crores. But it has constructed only Rs. 82 lakhs worth of buildings so far. And it has not started any teaching programme. Apart from that every teaching department should have a professor, two readers and an adequate number of lecturers. That was not being done. Thirdly, it has also to take into account the recommendations of the Education Commission and the Gajendragadkar Committee. The UGC is looking into the Vidyasagar University Act itself and the comments will be sent to the State Government. Only when they are agreed to that the question of sanctioning of the grant and other things will arise, after all the other conditions are fulfilled.

Effects of Colours/Dyes in Foodstuff on Human System

*224. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical analysis of the effects of the use of colours/dyes in foodstuff on human system for the purpose of delisting harmful colours; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken to ban the use of harmful colours/dyes in the foodstuff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Central Committee on Food Standards, a statutory advisory body to the Government, had set up an Expert Sub-Committee which went into the question of use of colours/dyes in foodstuffs against the background of their effects on human system.

The Expert Sub-Committee has recommended to the Central Committee on Food Standards lowering of permissible limits of colours/dyes permitted under the P.F.A. laws and the C. C. F. S. is seized of the matter.

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: We have been hearing for a long time this type of an answer that the matter is under consideration of the Government of India. May I remind the honourable Minister that the study of toxicological evolution shows the adverse effects of some of the dyes on the human system, such as red dye, and may I also mention that most of these dyes have been prohibited in most of the Western countries like the US. May I request that the matter be expedited?